

Attorney Docket No.: 66-12424

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Cunningham)
Serial No.: 09/815,394) Group Art Unit: 3754
Filed: 03/22/2001) Examiner: E. Keasel
For: GATE VALVE WITH FLOW)
THROUGH GATE)

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Amendment After Final

In response to the final Office Action dated February 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended to read as follows:

1(Twice Amended). In combination with a component which comprises an elongated body and a fluid flow passage that extends generally longitudinally through the body and includes at least a lateral first branch connected to a longitudinal second branch, a gate valve comprising:

a gate cavity which is formed in the body and which communicates with both the first branch and the second branch;

a gate which is movably positioned in the gate cavity and which includes a first flow port that is connected to a second flow port; and

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